



Budget cuts lead faculty to wonder about future

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Editor-in-Chief

Anxiety. Uncertainty. Panic. It's spreading across the campus due to recent higher education cuts and is in the back of many faculty members' minds. In an attempt to begin to crawl from the darkness, the University is looking to make up a \$4 million plus loss by getting rid of programs, departments and faculty.

Last week, University President John Jasinski and Provost Doug Dunham met with Faculty Senate President Jeff Thornsberry to discuss the formation of an ad hoc committee focused on a reduction in force outlined in chapter two of the Faculty Handbook.

According to Dunham, the last time the University needed to resort to the Reduction in Force section in the Faculty Handbook was the 1991-'92 school year.

"It's just a tremendous amount of uncertainty," Thornsberry said. "(People are wondering) is it my department that's going to be eliminated? Is it my major? Am I going to be suddenly out of a job after having been here for seven, 10, 15, 20 years and developed a career here?"

Those are the questions on people's minds, but Dunham said that for now, no one can be sure.

"We're operating under the assumption that the 12 and a half percent cut will stick in the end," Dunham said. "If you look at history and what a governor has proposed and what ends up becoming law, it's 99 percent of the time what the governor proposed.

"So, we're operating under that assumption. Each (Northwest Leadership Team) member has been working and developed some initial draft plans from where they believe cuts, realignments, reorganizations are necessary."

Once the plans for academic and nonacademic cuts are created, they are sent to their respective committees. The academic plan is handled by the Reduction in Force Committee, and Dunham said they hope to have the plan drafted by next week. From the Reduction in Force Committee, the plans go to their specific department for evaluation and response.

The ultimate decision lies with the Board of Regents. Dunham said Jasinski wants to give them everything, a full report, all at once so they can make the decisions together. They are aiming for the regent's March meeting, according to Dunham.

"Our plans will involve programs and personnel; there's just no way to do it to get to the \$4 million, and we have to do that," Dunham said. "The big context here is that our state appropriations have been cut almost \$8 million over three years, and that's 25 percent of our state appropriations."

In Thornsberry's mind, the faculty are the magnet that attracts students and helps the University

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Obesity is a problem across the U.S.. Nodaway County has a high obesity rating of 29 percent. Poor diet and lack of exercise are contributing factors to weight gain. This issue spills over into the college life at Northwest.

SIZING UP NODAWAY COUNTY

College students tend to fall into lifestyle of poor diet, exercise

ALEX RASH

News Editor

A McDonald's quarter pounder with cheese consists of 510 calories and 26 grams of fat. A small order of potato olés from Taco John's has 439 calories. With menu items like these constantly enticing students, it should be no surprise that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last recorded that Nodaway County had an estimated 29 percent of its adult population considered obese.

It is no secret that college life can, at times, be hectic and overwhelming. Many Northwest students grow used to sporadic eating habits and minimal hours of sleep, which both take their toll on a healthy body. Getting fewer than seven hours of sleep each night can cause changes in hormones that result in an increase of appetite, according to the Mayo Clinic.

"I think it is very easy for a person to gain weight in college," junior Donnie Merriman said. "We are students who are always on the go. We need something of convenience, and convenience comes with calories."

Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis conducted a study in 2005 that showed that 70 percent of students gain a significant amount of

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Educators prepare for core standards

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Students in the education department are seeing new changes being made to teaching standards across the country.

The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the Council of Chief State School Officers collaborated to form the Common Core State Standards Initiative, which aims to better educate students in the United States.

In 2010, the NGA Center released the names of 47 states that agreed to sign on to the program in support of the state-led process towards developing common English-language arts and mathematics standards. The decision was made by the governors in an attempt to make state test scores more consistent.

"The governors, from their level, said that what we need is a common set of standards, and that, coming from them rather than the federal government or the U.S. Department of Education, was a better fit," associate professor Cynthia Malm said.

"Historically in this country, a national curriculum has never been anything because of local control, and this looks to be a good alternative."

The Common Core Standards

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Third grade practicum student Tiffany Fry helps students at Horace Mann Elementary School on Tuesday.



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Nurse begins to administer a flu shot on Wednesday at the Unversity Wellness Center. Warm weather does not mean we are protected from diseases such as the flu. The University Wellness Center offers flu shots for your protection.

Flu season could still be around corner

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Missourian Reporter

Sneeze. Cough. Sniff. These are sounds that every student dreads hearing from their roommate or someone sitting next to them in class. While the flu has not been as prevalent as usual around campus so far this year, flu season is not over yet.

"I don't think we've seen (flu season) yet," Judy Frueh, University Wellness Services clinical supervisor and women's health nurse practitioner said. "I think it's probably on its way."

While the warm weather has people thinking that winter is over, unfortunately, the peak season for the

flu is typically not until February or March. Students should not breathe a sigh of relief quite yet, as flu season may be just around the corner.

"I think it's probably just because the weather has been so nice lately, and it hasn't been nearly as cold," senior Joshua J. Smith said. "People just don't typically get as sick when there's not as much butt-freezing cold snow."

That seems to be the popular idea as to why there has not been as much sickness this year. The weather has been unseasonably warm this winter, and that may be a big reason why the flu has not shown up yet. When it is cold, people tend to stay indoors and in closer contact with people

that are sick. With the above freezing, shorts-wearing weather, more people are enjoying being outside in the fresh air.

All preventative measures should continue, including getting plenty of sleep, taking multi-vitamins, drinking plenty of water, washing hands often and staying away from people that are sick. More information about the flu, precautionary measures and how to identify it can be found on the Northwest Wellness Services site under "Pandemic Planning."

"We just need to continue to be on the lookout and continue to be safe," Frueh said. "We may bypass it altogether, but that's historically not what has happened."



Drag show raises LGBT awareness

EMILY DEMAREA
Chief Reporter

A University organization will host a night of fun and entertainment as drag queens come to the University at 5:30 on Saturday, Feb. 18 in the ballroom of the J.W. Jones Union.

Common Ground has sponsored drag shows at the University for more than 10 years. Samantha Hundley, president of Common Ground, says the show has a purpose not only to raise funds, but also to raise awareness about the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered and Questioning community.

Hundley said the proceeds of

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CAMPUS DINING



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Carolyn Watkins, director of Management Advisory Services and Marketing of Porter Khouw Consulting, talks to students about campus dining. Lean Wilmes and Tori Cantrell share their opinions on Northwest's dining opportunities.

Crisis response students gain real world experience

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News Editor

From Hurricane Katrina to the 8.9-magnitude earthquake that hit Japan, thousands of people are affected, and millions of dollars are put toward natural disasters every year. A group of Northwest students gets the opportunity to see firsthand how these sorts of crises are handled.

Comprehensive crisis response

major's will participate in Atlantic Hope, which is a field training exercise hosted by the Indian River State College in Ft. Pierce, Fla. The exercise, held March 8-11, is meant to help prepare students for a realistic disaster situation.

This year, Northwest is taking a larger group than usual. While there is usually a limit of about 10 students allowed to go, there were

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Students learn firsthand at Missouri capitol

BROOKE ASSEL
Missourian Reporter

Students may feel distant from the legislative process in this economic recession, but a few Northwest students are in the middle of all the action.

As part of the University's legislative internship program, three students were sent to the capitol to work and learn alongside Missouri legislators throughout the 2012 legislative session.

This session's interns include political science junior Erin Klassen, who interns in Rep. Mike Thompson's office; business eco-

nomics senior Doug Porter, who interns in Rep. Sheila Solon's office and political science senior Paul Wilson, who interns in Sen. Brad Lager's office.

"This is a great opportunity for students to learn how the political system works beyond what is learned in the classroom," Michelle Wade, assistant professor in the department of history, humanities, philosophy and political science and faculty supervisor of the internship, said.

Each intern is responsible for specific duties within their design-

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Mandatory ALL student teachers' campus seminars	First Fridays Service Projects 3 p.m. at Newman Center
MAP A - Drop In Work Day	Daddy Daughter Dance 6 p.m. at Maryville Community Center

Saturday, February 4

DeLuce Gallery: National Juried Art Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	Special Olympics basketball tournament 9 a.m. at Lamkin Activity Center
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Community Service	Women's Basketball 1:30 p.m. at Pittsburg, Kan.
Annual Show and Jazz Choir Festival Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts	Men's Basketball 3:30 p.m. at Pittsburg, Kan.

Sunday, February 5

DeLuce Gallery: National Juried Art Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building	4 p.m. at Bearcat Lanes
Maryville Alumni and Friends Chapter Super Bowl Party	Catholic Mass 7 p.m. at Newman Center

Humane society to see funding

ERIC MIZENER
Missourian Reporter

Missouri’s economy has seen better days. Layoffs are becoming common. Higher education is working with even less money than the little it had before. Nevertheless, not all of Missouri is suffering major losses.

Nodaway County is one such area. Thanks to local shopping and a surge in sales tax revenue, Nodaway County is seeing financial gains when many other counties are seeing losses. As a result, the New Nodaway Humane Society has won an increased appropriation from the city of Maryville in addition to \$1,500 from the county.

Shelter Manager Cindy Nelson says the shelter has not received a

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Jelyna Price, shelter attendant and lead animal control officer and overseer at the New Nodaway Humane Society on Tuesday Jan. 31, holds Mandy, a yellow tiger two-year-old cat who’s been at the shelter since 2009. The Humane Society houses about 85 cats and about 65 dogs on a regular basis.

City ordinance calls for new wastewater system

EMILY DEMAREA
Chief Reporter

Maryville citizens will get a chance to vote on a city ordinance that calls for a new wastewater system on April 3rd’s ballot.

Shawn Wake, member of the Maryville City Council and current mayor pro-tem, said passing the ordinance is crucial.

“It has to be fixed,” Wake said. “Either we spend the money to fix

it, or we keep spending money and pay all the fines and get in all sorts of trouble with the Department of Natural Resources.”

C.E. Goodall, director of Maryville Public Works, said the city has been working on the sewerage problem for a few years. Goodall also said the current lagoon system the city uses now cannot meet the Department of Natural Resources’

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Eating options fuel new student desires

ERIC MIZENER
Missourian Reporter

As America moves away from a period of economic uncertainty, new businesses and industries are opening up across Maryville. One such industry has caught the attention of Northwest students: the food industry.

Restaurants such as Papichulos and My Favorite Muffin are in their

first year of business in Maryville. Papichulos is seeing success as a new Mexican restaurant that caters to the “after-bar” crowd by staying open until the early-morning hours on weekends. My Favorite Muffin offers variety in baked goods, ice cream and breakfast items.

Senior Shaun Day says both new businesses bring something

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Good food leads to health

Making health-conscious food choices shouldn't be difficult for Americans. We have entire brands, store aisles and even grocery stores devoted to healthy foods. Healthy food options pepper restaurant menus, magazines and cooking shows.

The hardest part can be making the first step. Healthy options become inundations, and consumers can become paralyzed in the middle of the aisle, comparing a "low-fat" food with a "low-sodium" one. Which is better?

The answer is none of the above, according to Chicago dietitian Venessa Provins. Along with the general consensus of dieticians and health experts, Provins regularly advises consumers to skip the confusing details and misleading packaging, and focus on the "real healthy foods," namely fruits and vegetables.

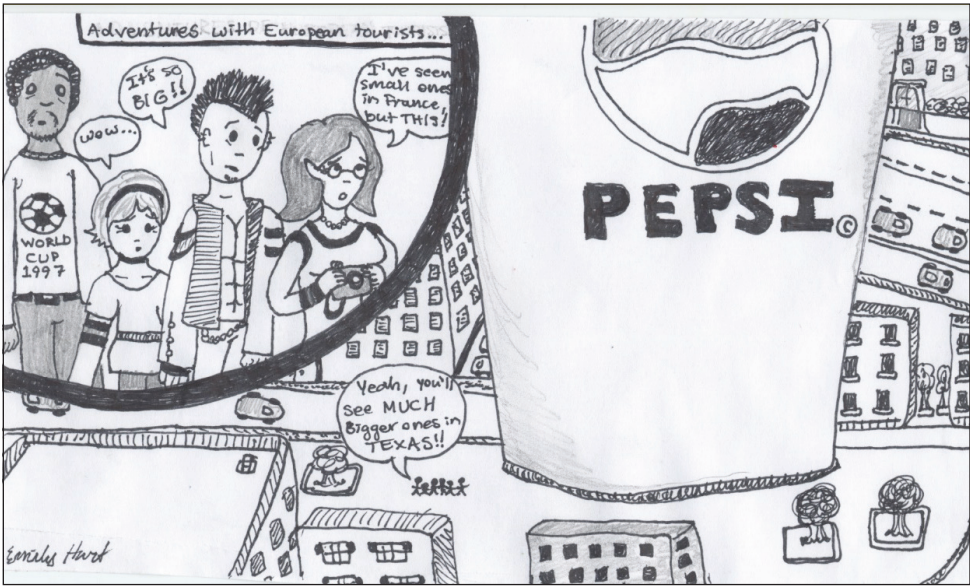
For example, avoid sugary fruit juices that claim large amounts of Vitamin C. Instead, pick up grapes, pears, strawberries, carrots, bell peppers or celery. Certain vitamin supple-

ments can promise healthy results, but natural foods are often cheaper and tastier and contain the same ingredients. Even a potato, usually blamed for its high carbohydrate content, contains vitamin C, vitamin B6, potassium, manganese and fiber. That's not bad for 161 calories, according to WebMD.

In other parts of the grocery store, look for healthy alternatives. Skim milk instead of 2 percent, turkey bacon instead of pork bacon, lean ground beef instead of high-fat content meat and healthy cereals instead of empty calories and sugar can result in quick, lasting weight loss.

If possible, buy organic food with the USDA Organic Seal. Certified organic foods are grown for quality, not quantity, and rigid pesticide restrictions mean that your produce will not introduce radiation or harmful chemicals into your body.

These changes are quickly catching on. Last Wednesday, the USDA unveiled new regula-



EMILY HART | NW MISSOURIAN

tions for elementary school lunches that include whole grains, 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice and less fried food. This is a great first step to change the lifestyles of the estimated 17 percent of children and teenagers who are obese,

according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Changing your life doesn't have to include running eight miles a day and eating like a rabbit. It starts with what you put in your shopping cart.

CAMPUS TALK

Why do Americans struggle with obesity?



"Food is sometimes a key to help people recover from being depressed or stressed out, and when people want to do something else, they say, 'Let's go out to eat,' and that's an everyday thing for some people."

Trelesia Ward
Psychology



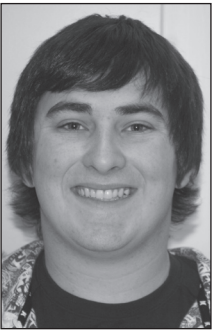
"If people made healthier choices, then we wouldn't be more obese than other countries are. Like fast food, like McDonalds. Instead of having a salad, they go have a Big Mac and fries."

Garrett Ogle
Math Education



"I think we're really reliant on fast food. It's just easier to swing through a fast-food place and pick up some food rather than cook a nice meal."

Courtney Meyer
Marketing



"We'd rather sit in front of a computer screen or watch video games or TV, unlike the rest of the world. They do physical labor: they work outside; they have more physically deand-ing tasks."

Matt Moylan
Physical Education



"People worry about, 'I need stuff fast, and I need it now,' and in other countries, they more or less value time with others and cooking and that kind of thing."

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Privacy, liberty and security in GPS case

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January 23 cemented a milestone in the ongoing and brutal battle between the rights of citizens and the limitations of government. The Supreme Court unanimously ruled that, in order for law enforcement agents to use GPS devices to track suspected wrongdoers, they first have to obtain a search warrant from a judge. While this may seem superficially trivial, the ruling does far more than prohibit law enforcement from nonchalantly gluing tracking devices to the cars of anyone they deem suspect.

"We hold that the government's installation of a GPS device on a target's vehicle, and its use of that device to monitor the vehicle's movements, constitutes a 'search'" per the protection from unreasonable searches and seizures outlined in the Fourth Amendment, wrote Justice Antonin Scalia.

Washington D.C. police - using an unwarranted GPS-tracking device, which they attached to the Jeep of notorious drug lord Antoine Jones

- amassed a plethora of damning evidence showing Jones's comings and goings from a known drug house. Upon raiding the house, police confiscated illegal narcotics and \$1 million in cash, which they - along with the now illegitimately garnered electronic surveillance - used to secure a conviction against Jones. Prior to the Court's ruling, law enforcement agents possessed virtually no restrictions relative to the surveillance of suspected criminals via GPS-tracking methods.

The rather ironic and disillusioning truth about living in a free, democratic and electronically addled society is that crimes come before laws. The recent defeat of the pro-Internet-censorship bills, SOPA and PIPA, supports that notion. Like regulating the Internet, the power of the government to track and censor its citizens must come directly from the governed citizens themselves.

The ruling recognizes that the age in which we live - an age defined by the ubiquity of monitoring, surveillance and tracking systems - necessitates a much broader definition of privacy, especially in regards to the authority granted to those hired and elected to serve and protect citizens from the very sinister encroachment

upon their rights and liberties that unwarranted GPS tracking constitutes. It deserves mentioning that in the hour-long discussion that took place among the nine justices, George Orwell's prophetic novel, "1984" - the literary go-to whenever fascism and totalitarianism burst into debates concerning the extent to which governments should be allowed to monitor their own citizens - came up six times.

It is the patriotic duty, moral responsibility and social obligation of websites like Wikipedia, which blacked out in protest of SOPA and PIPA, smut-peddlers such as Larry Flint, who single-handedly catalyzed the redefining of free speech and press in America, and drug lords like Antoine Jones to civilly protest, peacefully combat and legally appeal any and all decisions made by the government that propel such eerily astute prophesies like Orwell's toward becoming realities.

The only way that a fascist regime could ever rule in the United States is if no one ever stood up against that which categorically qualifies as blatant disregard for the very documents that concreted the foundation upon which America stands.

Still no chance for a third party president

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Contributing Columnist



In an era of intense partisanship between Republicans and Democrats, is it possible to have a meaningful third-party candidate in our presidential election? When I look at the Republican race for the nomination of the Republican Party I see two major players: Newt Gingrich and Mitt Romney. Most people will see four qualified candidates, but it seems like the race for the nomination is leaving Rick Santorum and Ron Paul behind.

The fact that Paul has very little support from the Republican base gives light to another possibility for the candidate. He ran for president for the first time in 1988 and was

backed by the Libertarian Party. Could this mean that Paul will back out from the Republican race and take the nomination from the Libertarian Party once again? He has often said he never expected to win the election. While he is the most realistic option for a third-party candidate he is not the only one gaining attention.

You may remember Donald Trump once considered running for the Republican nomination early in 2011, which is almost as ridiculous as a Paul presidency. Of course, if he ran for president, there would be no doubt that he would gain very few, if any electoral votes. Speculation on a possible third-party run went through the wires in late 2011, but "The Donald" neither confirmed nor denied the rumors.

If we have a meaningful third-party candidate in our presidential

election, it will be nothing short of a miracle. Our current system makes it nearly impossible for another party to gain a footing in a race. What happens if Paul wins the nomination of the Libertarian Party and somehow wins the election against both President Barack Obama and the Republican nominee? We would find ourselves with a quasi-Republican government in power. We would have a mixture of Republican, Democrat, and Independent ideals with a hint of Paul's own beliefs. Sadly, while Paul will be in it for the long haul, he doesn't even have faith in himself to win the presidency. What he may do instead is take his libertarian base away from the Republican nominee. If he were to gain enough support he could alter the outcome of the race in favor of President Obama.



AP IMAGES

Silent, Iranian student demonstrators hold posters during visits from the U.N. and the International Atomic Energy Organization Jan. 29 in Tehran, Iran. Iran's nuclear facilities may have been used to build nuclear weapons.

WHAT THE DEUCE: WAR WITH IRAN

U.N., Pentagon signalling war with Iranian nuclear pressure

PHILIP GRUENWALD

Opinion Editor

If you haven't been paying attention, our already testy relations with Iran have become much more heated. The Middle Eastern country has long insisted that their nuclear development was for energy use only, while the United Nations has insisted that it is not.

Weapons specialists and nuclear inspectors were granted access to Iran Jan. 29-31 to get to the bottom of the matter, but left without actually setting foot in the nuclear facilities, The Associated Press reported Tuesday.

Ramping things up on the domestic side, the Pentagon is preparing to spend \$82 million to upgrade their "bunker-buster" bombs to penetrate subterranean facilities, specifically in Iran and North Korea. They have already invested \$330 million in 20 of the bombs, according to government officials. These plans came after President Barack Obama revealed the Pentagon's budget cuts to the tune of \$500 billion.

Read the headlines and try to assure yourself that we aren't catapulting ourselves toward World War III. In December, a scuffle with Iran meant that they captured one of our spy drones. Starting Jan. 19,

news leaked of a special operations team secretly camping out on the Iranian border. During his State of the Union address Jan. 24, Obama announced, "Let there be no doubt: America is determined to prevent Iran from getting a nuclear weapon, and I will take no options off the table to achieve that goal." In just the last few days, we have had as many as three aircraft carriers off their shores.

Iran is clearly a threat. The U.N. is right to demand their cooperation in any nuclear disarmament agreement, several of which have stalled the arms race among several competitive countries. To their benefit, the U.N.'s firmness with Iranian relations is in retrospect of Germany's disregard of the Treaty of Versailles under Adolph Hitler. His violations went unreprimanded, which set off World War II.

Still, with global tensions high due to widespread economic woes, rumors of war do not bode well. Like our economic predicament in the 1930s, nations are forming economic alliances to keep each other from defaulting on their loans, which will become significantly more difficult when (not if) interest rates rise. It's all the signs of another war, which we don't have the money to fight, but we can't afford to lose.

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weight between the start of college and the end of sophomore year. Unhealthy diets and eating habits are a large factor in weight gain. Just a short drive down Main Street gives Maryville residents multiple choices of various fast-food chains accompanied with calorie-packed menus. “I know I get fast food at least three times a week, and that’s on a good week,” Merriman said. “I have a full class schedule, work two jobs; I am involved in four organizations while being president of one of them, and the last thing I can even fathom is the idea that I should put down the burger for a salad.”

In 1988, there were not any states with an obesity rate over 15 percent. Today, there are no states with an obesity rate under 20 percent. Missouri’s rate ranks as 10th highest in the country, according to the CDC, with an estimated 30.5 percent of the population considered obese.

With this problem engulfing the country, Texas is no longer the only place in the U.S. where “everything is bigger.” Lack of activity and exercise adds to the issue. Currently 28.7 percent of adults in Nodaway County are physically inactive, according to the CDC.

However, the campus offers three different fitness center locations, and there is also the Maryville Community Center just off campus. And for students not looking to purchase a membership, the Student Recreation Center is an available resource free of charge to students. So why is staying active such a challenge?

“I think part of it is probably a lifestyle choice; it’s hard to get into a routine so you have to have some motivation,” Judy Frueh, Wellness Center nurse practitioner, said. “I think a lot of people feel like they don’t have the time to dedicate to it.

“But in the long run, if you spend 30 minutes to an hour exercising everyday, studies show that you function better, you focus more and you sleep better. The benefits are worth the time.”

Obesity causes more problems than just those in relation to physical appearance and can result in dangerous health issues. Diabetes is a serious health concern that can result in heart and kidney disease, strokes and even death. In 2007, more than 231 thousand people died with diabetes as a contributing factor. Currently 8 percent of adults in Nodaway County are diagnosed with diabetes.

“We are seeing more and more younger people with diabetes and other problems related to weight gain,” Frueh said. “It used to not be such a huge issue to worry about, but now it is.”

Students looking to improve their lifestyle choices can meet with counselors to discuss their health in the Wellness Center. There are also healthy food alternatives such as Good4U meals and fresh fruits and vegetables choices on campus. The fitness centers also offer a number of programs to aid students with their exercise programs.

“There are a lot of great resources available; the key is getting people to take advantage of them,” Frueh said.

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dards were developed to ensure that all students, no matter where they live, would be prepared for success in post-secondary education and the workforce. The standards are optional, and states can adopt them if they choose to participate. Local teachers, principals, superintendents and school boards will continue to make decisions about curriculum and how their school systems are operated.

“The standards are written not to be the entire curriculum but are set up to identify approximately 85 percent of what you would do at any given grade level, leaving 15 percent of it optional to the teachers,” Malm said. “States like California include subjects like oceanography, whereas we might focus more on agriculture.”

While teachers and school board leaders will still make final decisions on curriculum, the lesson plan standards will help shape a new way of teaching for most educators. The uncertainty of this new program leaves many education students worried about the future.

“It’s a completely new way of teaching,” senior Whitney Tuck said. “I am just worried I will not be able to help my students learn if I don’t even know how to teach them.”

The worry for most educators is not that the standards will include new material, but that the material will be taught on a more conceptual level.

“Currently, we are doing things a mile wide and an inch deep, and the standards are trying to change that,” Malm said. “You are cutting down the material from say 25 things to three, but those three will be in greater depth.

“The new core standards built

BUDGET

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run.

“The faculty, and this is the same for staff, we invest a lot in the University and in the relationships that we have with our students and the relationships that we have with our colleagues, and so really, in a sense, the faculty are the University.”

The bottom line is some faculty members will ultimately lose their jobs, and some departments will be vacant from the University’s future, but as

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different to Maryville.

“Papichulos is so smart to stay open after the bars close,” Day said. “They’re located right next to the bars, and then in the morning I can get something new from My Favorite Muffin. It’s something I’ve never seen here in Maryville.”

Annette Weeks is the Enterprise Facilitator at Northwest Missouri Enterprise Facilitation. She says the growth of new restaurants is due to demand and passionate business owners.

“There has been a need for a while now for new restaurants in Maryville,” Weeks said. “At

in a lot of conceptual type of things, meaning they want the kids to understand what they are doing and why they are doing it, not just doing the procedures of how they do it. It will not just be about how you multiply two-digit numbers but why you are learning to do it.”

The idea behind the new standards is to help students retain more of the information they learn every year in order to be prepared for more challenging information the following school year. Malm says that the standards will allow teachers to have a fresh start at the beginning of each year instead of reteaching the information from last year all over; they can start on new material sooner.

While the information will be new to students at first, Malm says that, eventually, both teachers and students will adapt to the new standards and create a better way of learning.

“I think anytime you adopt new standards, there are difficulties at first. Just think, if you take a bunch of kindergarteners who have not really been in school yet, and you teach them from a conceptual base, they’ll learn it because that’s the only thing they know,” Malm said. “If you take a bunch of juniors in high school who have never had to think on a conceptual base, it is going to be harder because that was all they knew. When you get to the point where the kindergarteners are that age then it will be a lot easier.”

Many educators have mixed feelings about the new standards but look forward to the end result.

“I truly believe that the conceptual base makes learning easier for everyone if you actually understand why you’re doing what you’re doing and get it done. If you realize that and how to do it, it becomes easier because you realized why you were doing it in the first place,” Malm said.

always, those who represent the University stand affirmed that Northwest will come out all right on the other side.

“I see us continuing to focus on our primary mission, and that is educating, teaching and being learners ourselves,” Dunham said. “Highest retention rates of moderately selectives in the state, higher-than-average graduation rates, I could go on and on about those stats. Those are the things that we need to focus on.

“What we can’t do is cut services or programs that have enabled our students to succeed.”

this time, this is what people are bringing to town.”

Weeks also said that the common complaint for a dedicated breakfast place has not gone unnoticed.

“That is one of the main concerns I hear when I am in town,” Weeks said. “At the same time, there has to be someone who is passionate about providing that commitment.”

Weeks encourages those who are passionate about bringing a dedicated breakfast restaurant to Maryville to make their voices heard.

“Keep speaking out for the restaurants you want,” Weeks said. “Hopefully, someone will hear that need.”

DRAG

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this year’s show will go to go to different charities.

“The money will go to the Human Rights Campaign and the Trevor Project,” Hundley said. “The Trevor Project is an anti-suicide foundation aimed at youth in America.”

Regina La-rae, one of the drag queens that will be featured in this year’s show, has been involved in drag shows for three years. This is her second show at the University.

“It’s a great feeling because it gives us a call to perform,” La-rae said. “Whereas performing at a bar is fun, but it’s a lot better when we get to do it for a reason. It makes me happier that way.”

La-rae encourages people who have not gone to a drag show before to give it a try.

“You never know how much you’re going to enjoy something until you actually see it,” La-rae said. “When we go out there, we do it for the audience. You look for us to (perform) because it makes people happy. When you see that on someone’s face, it’s a good feeling. It’s just a blast, and you’ll never know until you try it.”

According to Hundley, Common Ground will have information booths in the Union around lunchtime until the day of the drag show. Tickets can be purchased at this time, but Hundley says that most of the tickets will be sold at the show.

INTERNS

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nated office, such as assisting with constituent issues, tracking current legislation, leading tours of the capitol building and attending meetings. These meetings range from daily committee meetings to banquets and, recently, Gov. Jay Nixon’s State of the State Address.

“I think it’s a great experience if you want to know how government operates,” Porter said of the internship. “You don’t really realize how difficult it is to pass laws (until you see the process).”

Porter extended his graduation date in order to complete the internship. He said he had friends complete the internship, so he was always interested; he just could not find the time in his class schedule until now.

Although Porter has already committed to a job with Cerner following this internship, he says the networking opportunities and connections available because of his position as an intern are limitless, and he is happy he embraced the opportunity to participate.

“I get to see a birds’-eye view of how everything works through this experience,” Porter said.

SHELTER

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donation in several years.

“We request money from the county every year,” Nelson says. “This is the first time in the past few years that we have actually gotten money from the county.”

Nelson says while the donations are welcome, it is difficult to tell how it will affect the shelter.

CRISIS

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more than 20 applicants for this year’s trip, so some exceptions were made, according to Professor Mark Corson.

The training exercise lasts four days and is based in the fictional country of Atlantica. Students walk into a scenario where Atlantica is on the brink of a civil war and has just experienced an earthquake.

“It is very realistic,” Corson said. “It’s like the Disney World of disaster.”

Students are then expected to work with a humanitarian agency to respond to the issues facing Atlantica. They are responsible for finding shelter for displaced citizens, handling militant issues and a variety of other tasks.

“As an instructor, what I enjoy is watching my students learn and watching their self-confidence improve,” CCR advisor Matt Johnson said.

Students interested in going must go through an application process. Participants are expected to fund their round-trip airfare as well as a \$150 program fee, which covers their food and boarding expenses. While CCR minors make up a majority of the attendance, students in other areas of study are welcome to apply.

“It is really a test of people’s leadership skills and a character test to see how well people deal under pressure,” Corson said. “The business that we are teaching them to deal with is certainly (full of) high-pressure environments.”

CITY

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requirements.

“What we’re looking for is to get bonds passed for a wastewater plant improvement,” Goodall said.

If the ordinance passes, Goodall says the project would not be complete until April of 2015.

“Construction is typically about two to three years,” Goodall said. “By the time you pass the bond, go through design and then begin construction.”

Even though the project would not be completed until 2015, Goodall said he could see the effects of it lasting in the future.

“I just think this is something that could be a great improvement for the next 25 years or so and would give us the option of making sure we’re within all of our regulations with the state,” Goodall said. “It should allow a much better sewer service for the community.”

Wake said that if people want more information about the ordinance, they can contact Maryville Public Works, or they can go to the city council meetings on the second and fourth Monday of every month.

“We are very grateful for the donation,” Nelson says. “But, this doesn’t free us up to do services in the county. It’s going to cost a lot more.”

Shelter operations cost \$10-\$15,000 per month.

A board meeting will take place in February to determine what direction the Humane Society will go with the city and county. “We’re a Humane Society, but we’re also a business,” Nelson says. “It puts us in a tough spot.”

Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Jan. 29
Marissa K. Quinn, 23, Gower, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated and expired plates at 600 block North Vine.

Jan. 28
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 200 block West Second Street.

Jan. 27
An accident occurred involving Sai S. Edupuganti, 24, Maryville, Mo., at 600 block North Laura. Edupuganti was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Julius A. Wells, 23, Maryville, Mo., was charged with driving while revoked and speeding at 1700 block South Main.

Jan. 26
Nekoma L. Hendrix, 33, Maryville, Mo., was wanted on warrant for failure to appear and failure to pay 400 block North Market.

Gary L. Minnich, 21, Overland Park, Kan., was charged with resisting arrest, failure to comply, disorderly conduct, and property damage at 200 block East Third Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 1200 block South Main Street.

Joshua D. Yakovitz, 20, Independence, Mo., was charged with possessing another’s driver’s license at 300 block North Market.

Jan. 25
Michael N. Thompson, 19, Kansas City, Mo., was charged with speeding, violation of intermediate driving status, and no valid driver’s license at 1500 block South Main.

Zackary A. Bayless, 20, Maryville, Mo., and Justin K. Higgins, 20, Maryville, Mo., were charged with discharging a firearm in city limits at 1100 block North College Drive.

An accident occurred between Lana L. Cobb, 61, Maryville, Mo., and Timothy J. Radar, 21, Maryville, Mo., at 100 block East Jenkins.

Jan. 24
An accident occurred between Jessica N. Kaufman, 20, Maryville, Mo., and Linda L. Richardson, 62, Maryville, Mo., at 500 block North Main. Kaufman was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

An accident occurred between Brian D. Carroll, 47, St. Joseph, Mo., and Troy E. Galart, 27, Barnard, Mo., at 2400 block South Main. Carroll was issued a citation for failure to yield.

An accident occurred between Lisa K. Nickerson, 30, Maryville, Mo.,

and Tina M. Schulte, 46, Ravenwood, Mo., at 1400 block East First Street. Nickerson was issued a citation for failure to yield.

An accident occurred between Donna E. Freeman, 45, Maryville, Mo., and Stanley K. Andrews, 61, Stanberry, Mo., at 1200 block South Main.

An accident occurred between Sarah N. Henggeler, 16, Maryville, Mo., and Laura K. Gamblin, 22, Maryville, Mo., at South Main and East South Hills Drive. Henggeler was issued a citation for failure to yield right of way.

Jan. 23
There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 700 block West Thompson.

Derek W. Allen, 22, Maryville, Mo., was wanted on warrant for failure to appear at 400 block North Market.

Paul J. McGary, 53, Skidmore, Mo., was charged with failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to register a motor vehicle.

Jan. 22
Jeffrey M. Williams, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with minor in possession at 100 block South Vine.

Bradley D. Muncy, 33, Burlington Junction, Mo., was charged with disorderly conduct, failure to comply,

and resisting arrest at 200 block East Second Street.

Sean M. Hutchison, 26, Maryville, Mo., was charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct at 400 block North Market.

Jan. 20
Jeremy S. Rowland, 20, Liberty, Mo., was charged with driving while intoxicated, minor in possession, possession of an altered or fictitious license, and failure to maintain right half of roadway at 400 block West Seventh Street.

There is a fire report and smoke investigation at 27000 block 242nd Street.

There was a recovered bicycle at 900 block North Main.

Garrett M. Hellon, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with disorderly conduct, property damage, minor in possession, and fireworks in the city limits at 200 block White Ridge Drive.

Stephen C. Best, 20, Maryville, Mo., was charged with property damage, disorderly conduct, minor in possession, and use of fireworks in city limits at 1500 block North Main.

Jan. 19
Shauna C. Walters, 23, Maryville, Mo., was wanted on warrant for failure to

appear at 400 block North Market.

There is an ongoing investigation of domestic assault at 800 block South Walnut.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 1600 block South Main.

Christopher L. Pitts, 29, Savannah, Mo., was wanted on warrant for failure to appear at 400 block North Market.

An accident occurred between Aaron R. Amaral, 22, Huntington Beach, Calif., and Codi D. Nuckolls, 34, Maryville, Mo., at North Market and East Third Street.

Jan. 18
Kyle K. Wallace, 23, Maryville, Mo., was wanted on warrant for failure to appear and failure to pay at 400 block North Market.

Jan. 17
There is an ongoing investigation of passing bad check at 1600 block South Main.

Jan. 12
There is an ongoing investigation of passing counterfeit money at 200 block West Fifth Street.

Jan. 11
There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 1600 block South Main.

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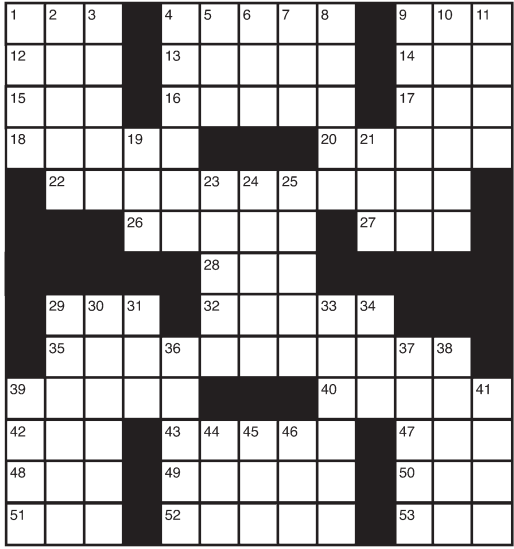
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- 4 Host of “The Price Is Right”
- 9 “Cat on a ___ Tin Roof”
- 12 “Rumor ___ It...”; movie for Jennifer Aniston
- 13 “___ of Two Cities”
- 14 Goof
- 15 Oahu or Maui: abbr.
- 16 Excessive enthusiasm
- 17 Actor Vigoda
- 18 “Evening ___”
- 20 Fasten again, as one’s shoelaces
- 22 “___ Talent”
- 26 “The ___ Burnett Show”
- 27 Switch positions
- 28 Coach ___ Parseghian
- 29 Alien visitor of old sitcom
- 32 Uptight
- 35 “60 Minutes” longtime correspondent
- 39 Main character in “The Sound of Music”
- 40 House for Nanook of the North
- 42 Traveler’s overnight stop
- 43 Up to the time that
- 47 Monogram for Coretta’s late civil rights husband
- 48 Lemony drink
- 49 Late actor Christopher
- 50 Building wing
- 51 Scandinavian airline
- 52 ___ up; totaled
- 53 Actor Stephen ___

DOWN

- 1 Actor McBride and others
- 2 White House resident
- 3 Main religion of Indonesia
- 4 “Candid ___”
- 5 “One Day ___ Time”
- 6 Raced
- 7 Actor ___ Marienthal
- 8 “The Wonder ___”
- 9 Patricia of “The Middle”
- 10 Planetary paths
- 11 “One ___ Hill”
- 19 Twelfth month: abbr.
- 21 Sense of self-esteem
- 23 Hot under the collar
- 24 Feldman or Haim
- 25 Rachins and Thicke
- 29 Actress Peet
- 30 Greene of “Bonanza” and others
- 31 Night that we watch “CSI: NY”: abbr.
- 33 Went by ship
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- 37 ___ Fudd; nemesis of Bugs Bunny
- 38 Esther of “Good Times”

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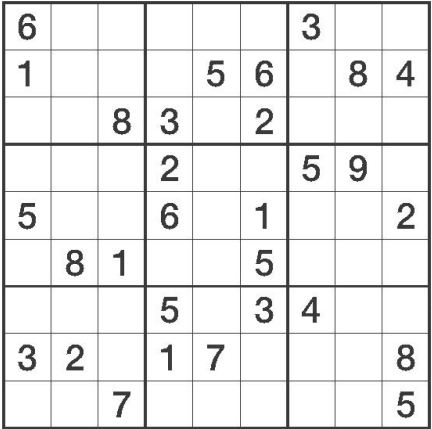
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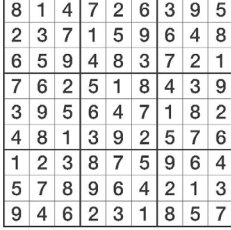
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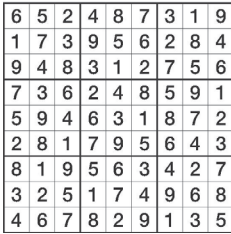


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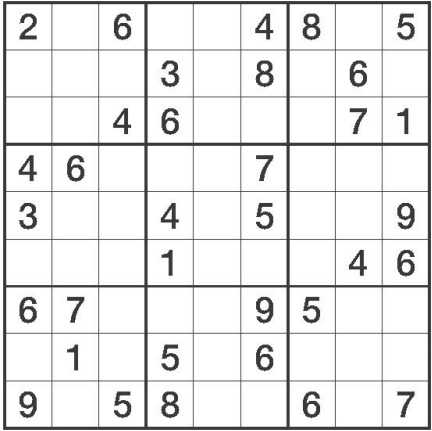
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Easy



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Horoscopes:

Today’s Birthday (02/02/12). Neptune ends its transit in your sign today, and moves to Pisces (until 2025). Creativity’s profitable, but money could seem like an illusion ... it can disappear as easily as it appears. Budget and schedule manage that. Dream big and follow through with a solid plan.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Good news about your objectives. The money’s promising. Gather information. Get together to devise a family plan. Keep communication channels open.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is

an 8 -- You have no problem getting your message across, and the response is encouraging. Consult a loved one for advice and support, and choose your path. Add music.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Stay in touch with your networks, and let them know what you’re up to. Check your work privately, and release it when it’s ready. Cash flow improves.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Write down your unedited thoughts. The bad ideas need to get out so the brilliant ones pop up. Service is the key to your success. Synchronize schedules.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Extra work puts brass in pockets. Send support to someone who’s leading the way. Others look to you for entertainment. Don’t worry, you’ll figure it out.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- It’s easier to work on projects that require concentration now. Your thoughts may wander and that’s fine. You feel more balanced and assured.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Expect change in the workplace. It’s for the better. Stick to practicalities, and meditate for balance. Friends help you

understand. Ask, “What can I provide?”

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- It’s easier to deal with financial planning and to negotiate contracts now ... and a good time to ask for money. The worse you can get is a “no.”

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- You get a deserved acknowledgement ... accept it gracefully, and don’t forget to send kind words the other way. The money’s improving, too. Begin writing or recording.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 9 -- You’re exceptionally powerful

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in your communications now. How will you use the power of your word? A blog, book project, podcast or video could be interesting.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- You’re exceptionally creative, charming and good looking now. Take advantage and make it happen. Be true to yourself, and the money will follow.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- It’s a perfect day to generate new contacts and communicate with old clients. Listen to their concerns and provide value. Work from home, if possible.

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Grammys

Countdown to the 54th Annual Grammy Awards

Only 10 days left to the 54th Grammy Awards held Feb. 12th. LL Cool J will host this year’s ceremony, and it will feature performers Coldplay, Rihanna, Paul McCartney and many others. The Missourian asked students who they think should walk away with a trophy from some of the night’s biggest categories. Here are those winners.

FEATURES EDITOR | BEN LAWSON



Foo Fighters [HTTP://WWW.SONGONLYRICS.COM](http://www.songonlyrics.com)

Album of the Year: “Wasting Light” – The Foo Fighters

The Foo Fighters are no stranger to the Grammy Awards. The rock group currently holds six Grammys. Their album, “Wasting Light,” is just what fans wanted: an epic, hard-rock album engulfed with distorted guitars and Dave Grohl’s howling vocals.

Best Rock Song: “The Cave” – Mumford and Sons

Banjoes are never as cool as they are when played in a Mumford and Sons song. The British group burst onto American music charts with “Little Lion Man” in 2010 and has earned a place among America’s top artists. The folk group’s epic, banjo-driven folk ballads on love, hope and despair are some of the best music in recent years.

Best Rap Song: “Look At Me Now” – Chris Brown featuring Lil Wayne and Busta Rhymes

Let’s be real. It’s not Chris Brown that makes “Look at Me Now” good. Without a doubt, it’s Busta Rhymes. His one verse in that song gives people reason enough to listen to it. Even Lil Wayne’s parts are better than Brown’s. The song feels like it was written more for two rap stars’ egos than to entertain an audience.



Skrillex [HTTP://FRESHTRONIC.COM](http://freshtronic.com)

Best New Artist: Skrillex

He squealed his heart out as an over-emotional teenager in From First to Last, but as Skrillex, Sonny Moore is the party god of the world’s rave scene. He became the face of a new genre, dubstep. It was one of music’s most obscure genres, but its artists have now earned a place among Grammy nominees, thanks to Skrillex.

Best Dance Recording: “Scary Monsters and Nice Sprites” – Skrillex

A new era of electronic music came about with Skrillex, and “Scary Monsters and Nice Sprites” is the horse that era rode in on. It doesn’t pad dubstep with other genres. It is a straight electronic-heavy jam. Your parents would call it messy noise, but it’s blaring from every dirty, sweaty rave across the nation right now.



Mumford and Sons [HTTP://WWW.AMAZON.COM](http://www.amazon.com)

Song of the Year: “The Cave” – Mumford and Sons

The British folk group took America by storm these past few years and held on tight. “The Cave” is a soft optimist’s anthem, and when sung in Marcus Mumford’s low vocal tone, it becomes a large, epic ballad of hope and redemption.

Best Pop Duo/Group Performance: “Pumped Up Kicks” – Foster the People

“Pumped Up Kicks” must be the grimmest up-beat song ever written. Its hook and chorus will have you bobbing your head and singing along until you learn what it’s about. Foster the People wrote “Pumped Up Kicks” about the shooters at Columbine High School. Regardless, Foster the People found a very interesting way to tell a story, even if the beat contrasts with the lyrics.



Death Cab for Cutie [HTTP://WWW.BESTFAN.COM](http://www.bestfan.com)

Best Alternative Music Album: Codes and Keys – Death Cab for Cutie

Indie rockers Death Cab for Cutie never managed to snag a trophy from their previous three Grammy nominations, but this could be their year. Ben Gibbard’s soulful vocals make for a more quiet yet up beat and positive album.

Best Country Song: “You and Tequila” – Kenny Chesney and Grace Porter

Kenny Chesney tries just hard enough on the lonely-hearted “You and Tequila.” The song doesn’t go overboard on anything, it rises to a safe level and plateaus at a point to maintain its bleak mood. Grace Porter’s vocals provide an even sadder tone to the song as Chesney tells the story of a man alone in the world.



Adele [HTTP://WWW.THESUN.CO.UK](http://www.thesun.co.uk)

Best Pop Solo Performance: “Someone Like You” – Adele

Adele is the world’s favorite broken-hearted songstress. “Someone Like You” feels like a song based so deep in personal experience it must be difficult to sing, but apparently, you have to bleed a little to make an album. Well, Adele bleeds all over her work, and “Someone Like You” feels like an excerpt from a beautifully broken diary.



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WHAT'S HOT

New Monty Python movie
It may not be the full crew, but most of the guys from “Monty Python” are getting together for another film. Python’s Terry Jones said “It’s not a ‘Monty Python’ picture, but it definitely has that sensibility.” Jones developed the script and will help direct the upcoming film featuring Robin Williams.

Kinect on laptops

Microsoft’s gesture recognition technology is making a move to portable devices. The 3-D gesture control would allow for more interactive PC-style gaming and new ways to interact with notebooks.

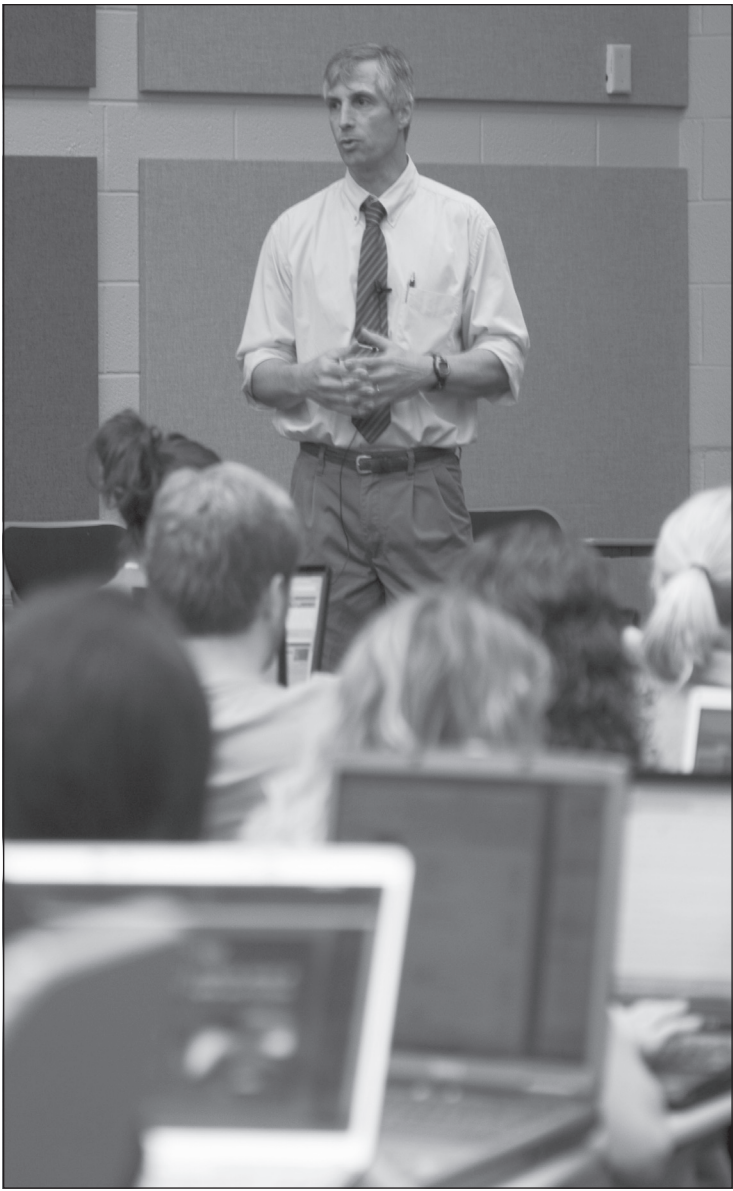
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Twitter will censor users at countries’ request

Twitter will begin deleting users’ tweets in countries that require it, but the tweets will remain visible to the rest of the world. The tweets will only be deleted on a case-by-case basis, and the users will be notified why their tweets were deleted.

We Are Mizzou Music Video

It’s hard to tell if it’s supposed to be serious or funny, but either way, it’s just painful to watch. Mizzou fans should leave satirical Auto-Tuned songs to The Lonely Island and keep their school spirit in the bleachers.



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Your man observes your classroom activities is this week’s Stroller and finds that laptops aren’t being used for just academics.

THE STROLLER:
Your man can not focus during class

The kid that answers all of the teacher’s questions always sits in the front of the class with their laptop out and grasps at every word the teacher says. For the rest of the class, such as myself, we are making plans for the Palms or searching online for some updates on the “Avengers” movie.

People like me are getting a whole new education in the back of the classroom, in a subject I like to call Human Online Interaction 101.

In a majority of classes people have their computers out, and instead of taking notes, they are on the Internet: Facebook creeping on that guy who lives across the hall and listens to that John Mayer song that you love really loud, tweeting about how much he can’t stand the class or playing games to help pass the time until lunch.

Instead of looking at my computer, I end up looking at their computer. My bad, I’m nosey.

On one particular day, I learned more about people than I could learn by actually paying attention in class.

The other day there was a girl in front of me playing solitaire, so immediately, I think this girl is very forgetful. Obviously, she did not remember her password to get hooked up to the school’s Internet. No one under the age of 55 plays solitaire anymore, unless their hand is forced.

I continued to scan the room for some more interesting people, and I happened to notice a guy three seats ahead of me just banging out tweets left and right. This guy was hard to put my finger on, so I had to concentrate pretty hard. I then noticed he was tweeting at celebrities...really? You think people who are making millions of dollars and obviously have better things to do are going to give you a “RT” because you are their number one fan? I don’t even have a word to describe you. Moving on.

Out of the corner of my eye I saw a girl on Facebook. She was pretty cute, so I wondered what does this girl have going on. Then it happened. Baby pictures. I understand looking at your nieces and nephews that you haven’t seen for a long time, but you go to every single person you know who has a child and look at their pictures. Consider me running for the door. This girl wants a family, and by the smile I can see out of the corner of her face, she does not plan on waiting.

So next time you’re sitting in the front row trying to make sure that 4.0 doesn’t slip down to a life-ruining 3.9, think about what the people in the back are learning. Be jealous.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Sweedish group First Aid Kit goes country, folk

BEN LAWSON
Features Editor

First Aid Kit’s second album, The Lion’s War, sounds like Bright Eyes’ Conor Oberst was split into two women, and those women made an old-school, country-folk album.

Their latest album, The Lion’s Roar, has a very country sound to it, but these girls aren’t Taylor Swift. Johanna and Klara Söderberg of

First Aid Kit remind the U.S. what country used to sound like. The album presents what country derived from. It’s full of lap steel guitars, melancholy stories and swooning vocal harmonies.

That being said, this isn’t a country album. These girls sound like true hippies at heart. They sing like conditioned folk stars with bluegrass and modern-day indie thrown in.

Oberst did some work on this

album, and it really shows. At times the album sounds like Bright Eyes’ Four Winds EP.

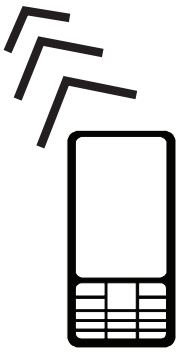
The Söderberg sisters harmonize throughout The Lion’s Roar to create a woodsy, folksy feel that gives them an eerily mature sound well beyond their years. “Emmylou” is a prime example of this. Unarguably the most upbeat track on the album, the duo croons away a love song that exemplifies their complimenting vocal talents.

This album won’t thrill or excite its listeners, but that’s not the point. It’s not an album meant to incite a party; it’s just meant to be appreciated. Vocal harmonies and songwriting like this is hard to

come by these days, and it deserves some credit. The album doesn’t seem like it was made in the same era as dubstep and Auto-Tune. The Söderberg sisters rely on nothing but themselves to make an album, and they do it well.



Artist: First Aid Kit
Album: The Lion’s Roar
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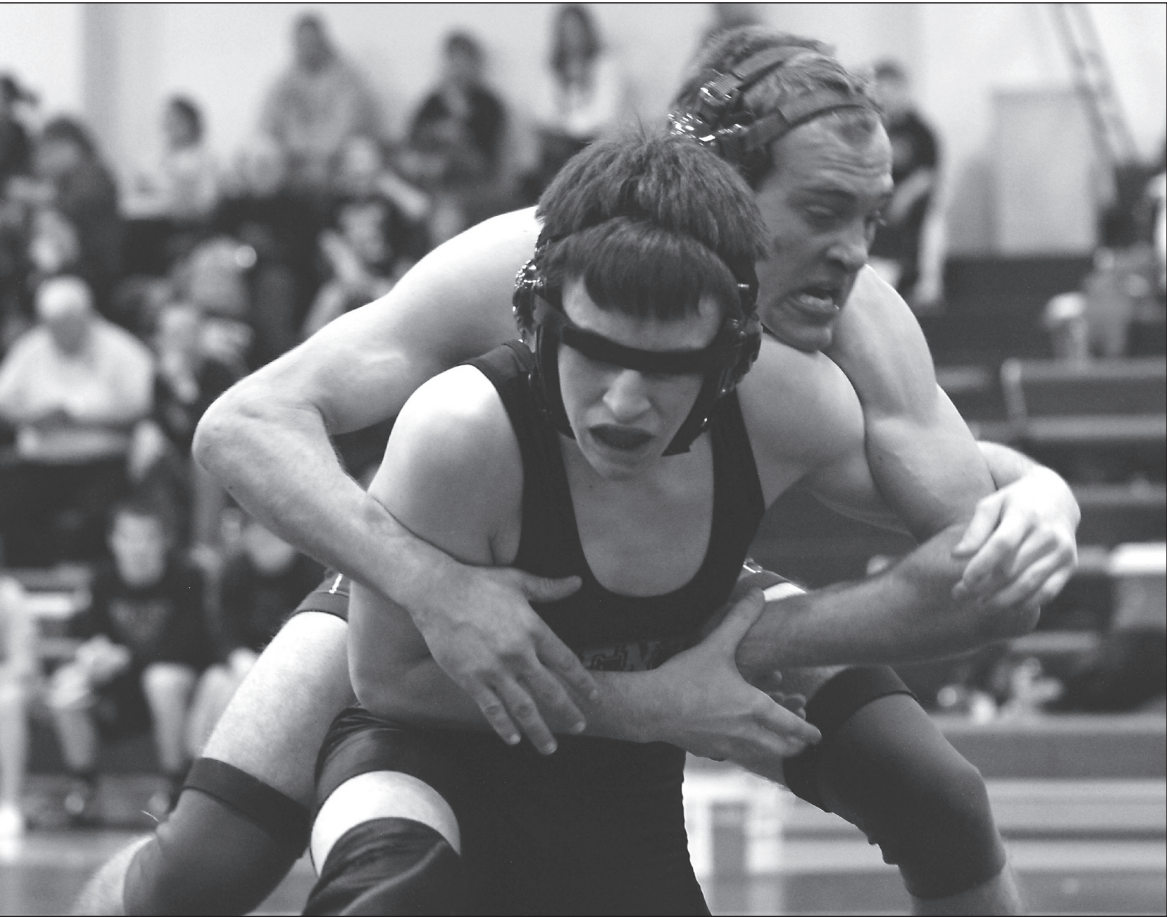


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ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior Ben Wilmes, 132 lbs, gains top position on Trenton's Kody Wescott on Saturday. Williams would go on to pin Wescott to win the match, but the Spoofhounds finished in seventh place at the Quad State Classic.

Spoofhounds struggle, prepare for state

JASON KRAFT
Missourian Reporter

The extra work required to host a wrestling tournament involving schools from four states proved too much for Maryville.

Schools from Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri traveled to Maryville last Saturday to participate in the annual Quad State Classic.

The 'Hounds finished in seventh place overall with 76 points and were not represented in any of the championship bouts.

"We are not a strong tournament team," head coach Joe Drake said. "We don't have individuals getting us into the finals. If you don't get into the finals you can't get the big points."

Individually, five Spoofhounds received medals.

Freshmen Nathaniel Alexander, 120 lbs., and Brendan Weybrew, 285 lbs., both finished third in their respective weight classes. Junior

Derek Stiens, 145 lbs., placed third as well.

Juniors Logan Coleman, 126 lbs., and Eric Sigman, 220 lbs., both lost their third place bouts to earn fourth place finishes.

Maryville's lone senior Charlie Coleman, 160 lbs, did not wrestle the way he would have liked.

"I did not wrestle as strong as I usually do," Coleman said. "I am going to work hard to get back to where I was. Right now, everything is just glorified practice heading into Districts."

Overall, Drake was happy with the way his team competed against some quality wrestling schools.

Nebraska's Millard South is a consistent contender for the state championship in the state's largest class. The Patriots defended their title and won the Quad State Classic for the fourth year in a row.

Lathrop (No. 3) and Trenton (No. 7) are both ranked in the top 10 in Class 1 for Missouri. They finished with 134 points, in a tie for

second place.

"Overall, for the level of competition, we had a good day," Drake said. "It may not show that in the team standings, but we are proud of how our guys wrestled."

Hosting a tournament of this size offers a large range of opportunities for wrestlers.

"This tournament has two purposes," Drake said. "One, so our teams can wrestle against opponents they haven't seen before. Two, it provides quality competition heading into our postseason tournaments."

Maryville will return to the mat at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in Albany for the Albany Tournament.

It is the 'Hounds' last tournament before the district tournament Feb. 10.

"Several teams at the tournament next weekend will be in our district," Drake said. "We will spend this week fine-tuning our technique to try and get some kids in the state tournament."

Classes cancelled, games postponed in honor of Dale Kisker

Classes are cancelled district-wide today in order for students, faculty and staff can attend funeral services for Dale Kisker.

Kisker, a mathematics teacher and assistant girls basketball coach died Saturday night of an apparent heart attack at the age of 51.

In wake of Kisker's death, boy's and girls' basketball games that were to be held Monday through Thursday were either cancelled or postponed to a later date.

Kisker joined the Maryville school district 12 years ago and coached freshman boys prior to his time as the girls' assistant.

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know him, and I think it's one of the saddest things I've ever had to deal with, professionally, that he didn't get to coach the team."

After the death of Bostwick in June, Baker was forced to make another tough decision, choosing another replacement for a legendary coach.

"You knew what would make everybody feel good, to hire inside the program, but it was really a gut check, wondering if this is what is best for the program," Baker said. "I did what I always do and made a list of potential candidates and went from there. I always knew I was going to start with Coach (Adam) Dorrel.

"I was just amazed at his preparation and how much he had thought through every single detail of the program. I think he absolutely did as good of a job that could have been done this year given the circumstances. I think we overachieved, not necessarily based on talent, but based on what we've been through."

Dorrel understands the risk that Baker took on him and appreciates his input on the football program.

"I feel like they took a chance on me, and I'm very appreciative of that," Dorrel said. "For him to hire me with no head coaching experience at this prestigious of a football institution, that took a huge leap of faith on his part. If we wouldn't have had a good season, that would have been hard on him,

and it would've left him open for criticism.

"When you get him and Dr. (John) Jasinski throughout the season calling me and telling me they appreciate what I'm doing, it makes you feel like you know what you're doing, even after a loss. That probably meant more to me, that they called me after a loss. It gives me a great deal of confidence."

Dorrel also believes Baker's previous experiences as a coach helped him relate to all of the coaches at Northwest and is impressed with him being a constant figure with Bearcat athletics.

"For every head coach he is easy to communicate with and has an open door policy," Dorrel said. "He has been very visual with every program up here, and I know he is very supportive of every head coach and what they are trying to do here.

"The thing I love about him, and I hate to speak for other people, but what the coaches up here love about him is the fact that he's been a coach before. He's done it before, and he knows the good, the bad, the hard and the easy part of coaching."

Baker wants to make it known that Northwest is not just a football school. He has gone out of his way to make sure every sport has something special, such as the "White Out" last Saturday for the basketball teams.

"It's easy to feel inferior when you have a machine like we've had in football, but we have 461 student athletes, and they are all equally important to us," Baker said.

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could turn out to be a major mistake for KC.

Goal No. 2: I don't care who it is, but one of our starting pitchers needs to step up.

Whether it's Luke Hochevar, Danny Duffy or newly-acquired Sanchez, a young starter needs to have a breakout year for this team to reach expectations.

Bruce Chen has been the go-to guy in the last couple of seasons, and it's time for someone to help

him out.

Goal No. 3: Ned Yost needs learn how to manage in late-game situations.

Yost is a great players' coach, but hasn't learned how to handle his young bullpen yet.

For as great as the bullpen was last year, they didn't get any favors with the way they were used by Yost.

Maybe I'm expecting too much, maybe I'm not expecting enough.

Who knows.

I guess we'll just wait and find out in October.

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currently ranks eighth in the nation.

"He's just so passionate about his event, he combines that with hard work, and that's Will," Churchman said. "He just loves everything about pull vaulting, everything."

The young Bearcats are becoming somewhat comfortable

competing in the state of Nebraska. Both teams have gained a comfort level at the fast tracks in throughout the state during the early going of the season.

They look to continue the trend Saturday at the Frank Sevigne Husker Invitational held in Lincoln, Neb.

"We're always against good competition; now it's to the point where they are the good competition. Northwest is a known name in Nebraska," Churchman said.

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MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	16-3	10-3
Central Mo.....	14-4	10-3
Washburn.....	14-6	8-4
Mo. Southern.....	16-5	8-5
Fort Hays.....	14-5	8-5
Pitt. State.....	12-8	8-5
Southwest Baptist.....	13-9	6-7
Emporia State.....	8-11	4-9
Truman.....	6-14	4-9
Lincoln (Mo.).....	3-15	3-9
Mo. Western.....	7-13	2-12

February 4:
Truman at S.W. Baptist
Central Mo. at Lincoln (Mo.)
NORTHWEST at Pitt. State
Fort Hays at Washburn
Mo. Western at Mo. Southern

February 8:
Lincoln (Mo.) at NORTHWEST

MHS BOY'S BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Lafayette.....	9-10	4-0
Cameron.....	12-6	2-0
Savannah.....	10-8	2-1
MARYVILLE.....	7-8	1-2
LeBlond.....	6-10	1-2
Benton.....	1-16	1-3
Chillicothe.....	10-8	0-1
Smithville.....	4-9	0-1

February 6:
Lafayette at Benton

February 7:
LeBlond at Savannah

February 8:
LeBlond at MARYVILLE

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Pitt. State.....	18-2	12-1
Washburn.....	18-3	11-1
Emporia St.....	14-4	10-3
Central Mo.....	14-5	8-5
Fort Hays.....	15-6	7-6
Truman.....	11-7	6-7
Lincoln (Mo.).....	11-7	5-7
Southwest Baptist.....	8-10	4-9
Mo. Western.....	6-13	4-10
Mo. Southern.....	6-13	2-11
NORTHWEST.....	4-16	2-11

February 4:
Truman at S.W. Baptist
Central Mo. at Lincoln (Mo.)
NORTHWEST at Pitt. State
Fort Hays at Washburn
Mo. Western at Mo. Southern

February 6:
Mo. Western at Arkansas Tech

MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Smithville.....	12-4	2-0
Lafayette.....	9-10	3-1
Savannah.....	14-4	2-2
Benton.....	8-10	2-2
Cameron.....	15-3	1-1
MARYVILLE.....	9-7	1-2
Chillicothe.....	9-10	0-1
LeBlond.....	2-11	0-2

February 7:
Smithville at Savannah
LeBlond at Cameron
Benton at Lafayette

February 11:
Smithville at MARYVILLE



AMANDA MONROE | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior point guard DeShaun Cooper jump stops in traffic to get a shot up against Fort Hays State defenders. Cooper contributed three points against the Tigers on Saturday, helping the Bearcats to a 75-57 victory.

Bye week gives men chance to rest, build

JASON LAWRENCE
Sports Editor

Entering the final stretch of the season, the No. 22 Bearcats control their own destiny with four of their last seven games at Bearcat Arena.

"It plays really good into our hand because we go on the road and lose to teams by three, four or five, and we haven't lost at home yet," junior point guard DeShaun Cooper said. "I feel that home is where we're most comfortable. When teams come in here, it's gonna be a tough fight for them."

The 'Cats also have the good fortune of having a bye week late in the season to get some rest before the final stretch.

"We like it, it gives us a little rest time. We have an extra day off this week so we can rest our bodies," senior guard Kyle Haake said. "We also know that we've still gotta work hard in practice and improve from where we're at right now."

The team is going to take the extra practice time to work on a couple of their weaknesses, defensive rebounding and getting to loose balls.

"We want to get loose balls, we want to defensive rebound considerably better and we want to be able to guard the basketball a lot better," head coach Ben McCollum said. "This week, having Pitt coming up, we've got to have that clicking to be able to keep them down."

Defensive rebounding is a big priority, especially since the 'Cats' next opponent, Pittsburg State, gets to 44 percent of their misses, McCollum said.

Andra Bailey and JaVon McGee combined for 29 points and 15 rebounds, including a double-double by Bailey in Northwest's 73-70 over-

time win over the Gorillas Dec. 7 at Bearcat Arena.

"I just feel that we need to focus on defense and box out," Cooper said. "When we box out and keep them off the boards, we'll have the game in control because that's what really kept them in the game (last time). They controlled the offensive glass and the defensive glass."

The first meeting saw the Bearcats go to the free throw line 32 times and convert 30 of them, double their season average from the stripe.

Northwest is expecting a similar grind-it-out physical affair this time around.

"I'm expecting the same thing, but a more controlled game," Cooper said. "Where we have control of the whole game, which takes them out of theirs."

Junior guard Bryston Williams scored a season-high 22 points in that contest and converted 17-of-18 free throws.

Senior forward Jake Reinders was the only other Bearcat to reach double figures in that contest with 12 points.

The 'Cats get the chance to see if the extra practice pays off at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at John Lance Arena in Pittsburg, Kan.

Cooper expects this to be a different game featuring two totally different teams than the ones that played almost two months ago inside Bearcat Arena.

"This is a whole different team that they're about to face," Cooper said. "They're about to face a new point guard, a new shooting guard, a new small forward. Just a new everything because we've now figured out how to play with each other. Last time, it was kind of there, but now it's really there."

Indoor track team impresses, still looks to build on successes

TAYLOR FLORA
Missourian Reporter

Over the weekend, the indoor track team claimed four titles against impressive competition.

The women claimed three titles and the men claimed one of their own at Saturday's Concordia Class in Seward, Neb. The teams competed against Division I schools

Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa State, Wyoming and Air Force.

Both teams have been working hard and the payoff has come.

"All these people that were seeing really good times, they've worked their butts off in the fall," assistant coach Emily Churchman said. "Were getting into the point of the season where we expect these big marks and fast times, and they

just continue to improve. It's really exciting."

Sophomore Brianna Evans picked up her first title of the season winning the 60-meter dash.

"She's just one of those girls who has raw speed, and she can still get faster," Churchman said.

Junior Lakiesha McKnight won the shot put with a record throw of 14.07 meters. McKnight had been

close the last couple meets and finally broke through for the title.

"When you look at an all around thrower Lakiesha is built for it," Churchman said. "She's got good speed and she's strong. We're really excited for her; she's throwing farther every meet."

Sophomore Taylor Woodruff is finally getting healthier after a tough fall with a hip injury that

kept her out of many cross country meets. Woodruff showed this by winning the title in the mile with a time of 5:21.78

On the men's side, sophomore Will Haer claimed his second pole vault title of the indoor season. Haer cleared 16-feet, 1-inch, which

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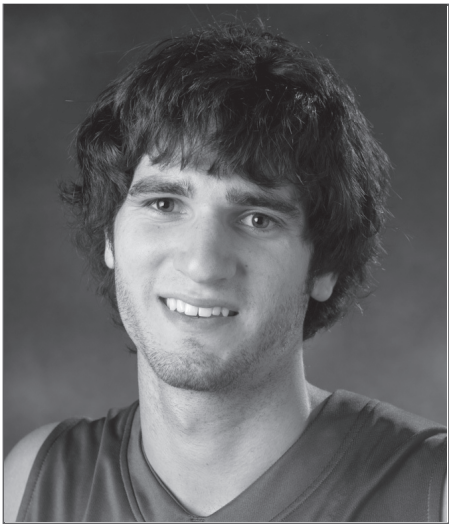
BEARCATS

Jake Reinders

Ashley Thayer

Taylor Woodruff

Jonathan Baker



Senior forward Jake Reinders scored a team-high 16 points for the Bearcats on Saturday against Fort Hays. Reinders went 8-of-9 from the free throw line.

Junior guard Ashley Thayer led the way for the 'Cats Saturday in their 65-42 loss to Fort Hays with 11 points. Thayer chipped in a steal and assist in her effort.

Sophomore distance runner Taylor Woodruff claimed first at the Concordia Classic last weekend in the mile. Woodruff finished with a time of 5:21.78

Junior guard Jonathan Baker led the way for the 'Hounds last Tuesday with 15 points as they came up short against Lafayette 58-46. Baker added five rebounds and one assist.

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ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Athletic Director Wren Baker will have been at Northwest for one year in February. He came from a successful tenure at Rogers State University as both athletic director and men's basketball coach to Northwest at a time that demanded important and difficult decisions.

MAN BEHIND THE 'CATS

Athletic director reflects on his first year at Northwest

CHRIS SCHOONOVER

Assistant Sports Editor

Northwest has 16 different athletic teams, which means six different venues, 16 different schedules and 461 student athletes. Behind all of this is one man making sure everything functions with minimal problems.

Wren Baker will have been the director of athletics at Northwest for a year in February. Within his first year, he has already left his mark on the University.

Baker left for Northwest after six years at Rogers State University, where he built 10 new athletic programs from the ground up.

Before that, Baker was a graduate assistant on the Oklahoma State University basketball team, under the Hall of Famer Eddie Sutton. During the 2003-05 seasons, he made a trip

to the Final Four and the Sweet Sixteen with the Cowboys.

Although he did not start officially working at Northwest until February, Baker was thrown into making an important decision right out of the gate after the retirement of head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma in December.

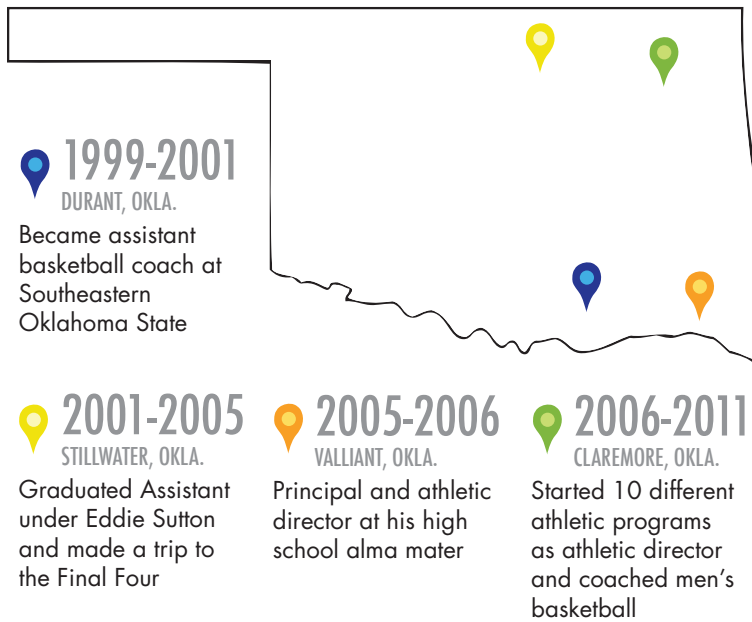
After talks with potential candidates, Baker made the decision to keep it in the Northwest family with the hiring of Scott Bostwick.

"I sat down for about four hours one day with Scott, and we really hit it off," Baker said. "We had similar personality traits, and he just had such a passion and enthusiasm for Bearcat football. We were really kind of joined at the hip because he was in a new position, and I was in a new position. He needed me to be successful, and I needed him to be successful."

"Several people in town told me that Scott really wanted me to get the job, and that he was excited about me. I was pleased to work with him and get to

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Royals still improving in long run

DALTON VITT
Chief Reporter



Right when my faith in the Royals making the 2012 playoffs picks up steam, the Tigers go out and sign one of the biggest (literally) and best first basemen in the game.

On Jan. 24, Detroit came to an agreement with Prince Fielder on a nine-year, \$214 million deal, making the Tigers the runaway favorite in the American League Central division.

Kansas City had a legitimate shot at competing with Detroit until this move was made.

The Royals had gone out and made a couple of acquisitions that had given me a lot of hope.

Former All-Star closer Johnathan Broxton came to an agreement with the club on a one-year, \$4 million deal to become the setup man for Joakim Soria.

KC also added Jose Mijares to the bullpen, adding another lefty to the mix to help overused Tim Collins.

After a breakout 2011, Melky Cabrera was traded to the San Francisco Giants for Johnathan Sanchez, which was a move that I absolutely loved.

When the smoke from this offseason clears, I still expect the Royals to have a promising season.

Do I expect them to make the playoffs? No. Not anymore, at least.

What's more important in 2012 is to take another step towards 2013.

I may be an overly optimistic, die-hard KC fan, but 2013 has been the target year for several seasons now.

If we made it to the postseason this year, I would jump for joy.

However, my goals and expectations for this season are much simpler than that.

Goal No. 1: Eric Hosmer, Mike Moustakas, Lorenzo Cain, Johnny Giavotella and Salvador Perez need to get as many at-bats this year as possible.

With all of the young talent in our lineup, the most important thing for them is to get experience.

Moustakas didn't perform up to par in 2011, and Cain only got 22 at-bats, which I believe

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Women face 2 ranked teams in 4 days

DALTON VITT

Chief Reporter

Coming off a big loss in its "white out" game against Fort Hays, the Bearcats have to play ranked teams in back-to-back contests.

The Bearcats fell 65-42 Saturday to the Tigers due in part to a disappointing offensive performance.

"I'm an offensive coach...And I failed miserably. I've got no excuses," head coach Gene Steinmeyer said after the game.

Northwest shot just 23.9 percent from the field.

Junior guard Ashley Thayer led the way with 11 points, shooting 3-for-6 from 3-point range. She was the only Bearcat to hit a 3.

"We haven't really figured out how to play with each other yet," Thayer said. "We just need to keep working to figure out how each other plays."

Northwest took on No. 10 Northeastern State (Okla.) at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Bearcat Arena.

Results were unavailable as of press time. Check www.nwmissourianews.com for the latest information.

The 'Cats then go on the road to face Pittsburg State at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Pittsburg, Kan.

Steinmeyer referred to the

next two games as 'danger games.'

"Physically, we're in as good of shape as any team could be," Steinmeyer said. "And mentally, we're starting to get a little frazzled...There's some uncertainty creeping in and we really need to circle the wagons and start having good performances."

Freshman center Maggie Marnin talked about the team's need to bounce back from Saturday's loss heading into the next few games.

"It was kind of a frustrating loss obviously, but we're just going to have to put it on the back burner, yet know it's there and know we have to work on," Marnin said. "We'll start from that point and work toward a win."

Northeastern State (17-2) sat at No. 6 in the country until this week, having lost Jan. 28 at Central Oklahoma.

Steinmeyer said he might make some minor adjustments to his team's strategy moving forward.

"We've got to keep trying a few wrinkles to get better offensively," Steinmeyer said. "And we'll make a few wrinkles defensively, too, to try to help our rotation out. Our corner traps have bailed, so we're going to make a little wrinkle on our corner traps to try to be a little more efficient on our rotations."

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his hopes were for the Northeastern State game.

"They were in Hawaii when we were there, and I saw them play a really good Northern Kentucky team," he said. "Northern Kentucky, a really good team, scored 36 against them. When (Northeastern State) got the lead, it was just like they grabbed them by the throat and strangled the death out of Northern Kentucky."

"If we're going to make it a game, we're going to have to stay close so they can't keep running and running and running the shot clock."

Marnin said this game could be a big turning point for the Bearcats.

"We've been in a slump and I think we're all looking for something to get us out of it," she said. "(A win) would be really good for us. We're all going to work our hardest and just try to get the win."



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Junior post Alexis Boeh anticipates her jump against her defender. Boeh scored a six points in a 65-42 loss to the Fort Hays State Tigers on Saturday.